

CHANNEL DREDGING AIDING THE PORT

Army Chief Engineer Reviews
Improvements to Delaware
and Schuylkill Rivers

CANAL WORK ADVANCED

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Dec. 4.—Improvements in the Delaware River have apparently decreased the average tidal range about seven-tenths of a foot, and raised the elevation of the average low-water level eight-tenths of a foot, according to the annual report of the Chief of Engineers of the army, made public today.

Observations made by the Coast and Geodetic Survey at Philadelphia in recent years indicate that to be the case, the report says, adding:
"The change is believed to be due, partly or wholly, to the introduction of regulating works in the river. Observations now in progress by this office at various other points on the river indicate a similar change in these localities."

No changes in existing projects for the improvement of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers are recommended in the report. The work of the fiscal year, ended June 30 last, is reviewed at length, and the conclusion reached that it has been of marked aid to navigation, enabling deep-draft vessels to go farther up the river and enhancing the value of Philadelphia as a port.

A decrease in tonnage handled out of the port of Philadelphia during the year is attributed to the prevailing business depression.

Terminal Facilities Improving

"The terminal facilities," the report states, "are more than adequate for existing commerce, and with the additional facilities under construction or contemplated will provide for a great increase in the amount of commerce which can be handled."
"The work of improvement thus far completed has greatly facilitated the movements of deep draft vessels, and resulted in marked increase in the size and draft of vessels utilizing the port of Philadelphia."

It is proposed to expend \$2,118,000 in available funds for dredging, operation of government tugs, and repairs to the government plant. Of this amount \$458,000 was allocated to Philadelphia harbor for the current fiscal year, \$620,000 to complete the lower end of Liston Range, \$565,000 to complete Cherry Island and the lower end of Bellevue range, and the remainder to the operation of the tugs, dredges and repairs to the plant.

Army engineers estimated that the Philadelphia harbor project was 75 per cent completed at the end of the fiscal year.
For new work and maintenance during the fiscal year 1924, \$2,000,000 in next, it is estimated \$2,000,000 will be required.

The Camden dredging project, for which contract was awarded last February, was about 14 per cent completed at the end of the fiscal year. The report states that work under it had not progressed sufficiently to be of any special benefit to commerce.

Schuylkill River Program

It is stated that the Schuylkill River program was approximately 85 per cent completed at the end of the year. The report says further:
"The entire length of the improvement was completed except for the cleaning up of a few isolated rock shoals and the deepening from thirty to thirty-five feet at a mean low water between the north and Grand Point. Under the last adopted plan, the project, an increase in depth must be deferred until the completion of the third channel in the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers."

"Considerable slowing has occurred in the channel since the completion of original dredging. Maintenance dredging during the year by the army at Philadelphia, and by the state at Camden, has been of marked aid to navigation, and the conditions imposed by the existing project, restricted the channel to present dimensions between Camden, Philadelphia and Passunkanong locks."

The existing plan of the Schuylkill River, which provides for a minimum condition that the State of Pennsylvania maintain the improvement channel until the city's projected, long-range water works shall have been completed and placed in operation.

"The work done so far under the existing project has resulted in a channel thirty feet deep and two feet wide between the north and Grand Point, an increase in the channel depth from Philadelphia to Camden, and a great increase in the movement of naval vessels. The work above the Schuylkill River, has made it easier for large vessels to reach the oil refineries and other industries located at various points on the river. Vessels are no longer compelled to anchor in the Delaware River to await the higher tides to enable them to enter and ascend the Schuylkill River."

Canal Improvements Advancing

"The available funds will be applied to the removal of a few isolated rock shoals which have been discovered outside of the areas covered by the existing contract. As the exact extent of these

rock shoals has not been determined, no detailed estimate of the work can be given at this time."

Work of enlarging the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, forty miles below Philadelphia, is declared to be progressing satisfactorily. The project was 24 per cent completed at the end of the year, represented by the purchase of the canal and additional land needed for its enlargement, miscellaneous preliminary work and the excavation of 374,991 cubic yards of material from the deep cut. The report states that the improvement has not progressed far enough to affect commerce.

A "profitable expenditure" of \$2,500,000 can be made in the fiscal year 1924, in addition to the expenditure of a similar sum now available, the report says.

BALTIMORE WILDLY ACCLAIMS "TIGER"

Clemenceau Declares U. S.
Gratitude to France Will
Last Forever

IN STEPS OF LAFAYETTE

Clemenceau to Visit
Harding and Wilson

Washington, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Georges Clemenceau, wartime Premier of France, who is to reach Washington late today on his "peace tour" of the United States, will be a luncheon guest of President Harding at the White House Thursday. He also is expected to call on former President Wilson, but the time has not been fixed definitely.

Robert Woods Bliss, third assistant secretary of state, will meet Clemenceau at the railway station on his arrival today and will welcome him informally in the name of the American Government.

By Associated Press

Baltimore, Dec. 4.—Georges Clemenceau, hailed by Judge Henry Stockbridge, vice president of the Maryland Historical Society, as "the most memorable figure this century has produced," declared in a brief talk here today that he was going to take this message back to France:

"Don't fear. America is in the same place. The gratitude she has to us is on such a solid foundation that it cannot be moved forever."

The Tiger of France spoke in the historical society building after he had been driven for an hour through the streets that his fellow-countryman Lafayette traversed on his last visit to this city.

The crowds were not dense along the route, nor was there any wild acclaim save at spots where thousands of school children had gathered, notably in Mr. Vernon place, about the monument to Washington. In the square there was a great waving of flags and cheering.

Clemenceau spoke only a few words at the historical society. Reasoning, he said, was a great power, but a greater power was that inspired by feeling.

It was the feeling that Lafayette brought, more than the actual military aid, and rendered, he said, that was so valuable to America in its struggle for freedom.

"I imagine that has existed between France and America since the first meeting of the two nations, and the things that bring peoples apart," he declared, adding:

"I know that the differences of today were as nothing, when the great men of the past, such as Lafayette, even before I had spoken, showed me that the nations were in the same place."

Lafayette, Clemenceau, whom he referred to as the maker of history without superior, Judge Stockbridge remarked, that the Maryland Legislature and Judge Lafayette and his descendants were the best of friends.

The speaker said the historical society intended to propose similar action on behalf of Lafayette when the Legislature meets next year.

Marion William F. Browning then welcomed the Tiger on behalf of Baltimore, and Governor Albert C. Ritchie greeted him on behalf of the State.

Clemenceau was scheduled to leave for Washington at 11 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN LAYMEN IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Kansas City Assembly Hears Dr.
Foulkes in Keynote Address

Kansas City, Dec. 4.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of Presbyterian churches in all parts of the United States were here today to attend the Presbyterian Laymen's National Conference which will close December 8.

For the keynote address today, Dr. William H. Foulkes, of New York City, general secretary of the Presbyterian New Era Movement, had as a subject, "Presbyterian Laymen."

HERRIN JURYMEN ALL SONS OF TAIL

Not One of the Eight So Far
Chosen Wears Stiff
Collar

N. J. EXECUTIONER INVITED

By a Staff Correspondent
of the Evening Public Ledger

Marion, Ill., Dec. 4.—With whatever inspiration Thanksgiving recess may have given them, eleven attorneys in the Herrin massacre trial will overhaul a new set of fifty veniremen today for the last four men needed to fill the jury box.

And it is the hope of at least State's Attorney Duty and his four assistants to see the actual trial begun before the week is out.

Indeed, Charles W. Middlekauff, representative of the attorney general's office assisting the prosecution, objected when it was announced last Wednesday that court would not be resumed until today. He withdrew his objection, however, after the State's attorney declared that he himself wanted the prolonged recess in order to clean away an accumulation of other work in his office.

The eight men already selected for jury service to try the five union miners charged with the murder of Howard Hoffman during the rioting four miles from Herrin last June, are not "stiff collar" men. There are no white collars in the box.

Five of the jurors are middle-aged, with faces deeply lined, bodies bent a little under years of hard work, hands horny and brown. Seven of them are farmers; one used to be a union miner; one, who is twenty-seven years old, and the youngest of the lot, is a union miner now.

Oscar Swanner, gray-mustached, has a thin jovial red face and a ready nose. Being the first selected, he seems to enjoy the prominence his selection has given him. He has been closely attentive to the monotonous examinations during his three weeks waiting for fellow jurors. He uses a handkerchief as big and colorful as a red shirt.

Tom Weaver is a thin, gray-mustached farmer. He is one-eyed. His face is in deeply lined, his hair is graying, substantial, trustworthy, but weary.

The three youngest men are George Cox, the only union miner, twenty-seven; Henry Riddle, thirty-three, and Sam Watkins, forty-three. Seven of them are farmers; one used to be a union miner; one, who is twenty-seven years old, and the youngest of the lot, is a union miner now.

Cox is a quiet, intelligent-looking man, dressed in the mode with stock and bowler. He might draw pedestrian attention. Riddle has a sharp, hard jaw and a powerful body. Watkins comb his black hair into two symmetrical pompadours, which rise half the length of his face above his forehead. This trio will doubtless mold the minds of the rest of the jury.

Heard, a grocer, almost grim-faced man, already secured, sitting that office, perhaps, with George Craig, an iron-grav farmer and a justice of the peace. Craig is a grocer, almost grim-faced man, already secured, sitting that office, perhaps, with George Craig, an iron-grav farmer and a justice of the peace.

Hiram MacMillan, a thin features hide behind a startlingly large black mustache. His brow is always puckered, and his dark brows and his shoe button black eyes express continual surprise.

He and W. H. Davidson, who looks less like a farmer than a clerk in a dusty office, have the appearance of being so far the least consequential men on the jury.

N. J. "EXECUTIONER" INVITED TO HERRIN

Marion, Ill., Dec. 4.—William S. Gilbert, of Trenton, N. J., would-be executioner of the defendants in the Herrin massacre trial, has been invited to visit Herrin, Ill., near which city the massacre took place, by A. T. Pace, Mayor of that city and tinners' official.

Mayor Pace, after reading the letter that Gilbert wrote to Circuit Judge D. T. Hartwell, seeking employment as the official executioner, decided that if he had as much nerve as the letter indicated he might like to visit Herrin.

LABOR LEADER WARNS LAW
Marion, Ill., Dec. 4.—Chairman of the powerful Labor Party, announced today that he would not accept the offer of \$25,000 to become the official executioner of the Herrin massacre trial.

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